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- On 11 September 1953, the barracks installation in the woods east of Ruedersdorf, which consisted of three large two-story barracks buildings and covered forest sections Nos 111 and 112 and parts of forest sections Nos 113, 120, 121, 122, was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia and by officers with black-bordered gold epaulets and red-bordered gold epaulets. Except for two platoons, each of 30 soldiers, engaged in firing practices on 9 September, there was only little training activity at the installation during the period from 7 to 11 September.

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                     A forester stated that additional buildings would be built on the east side of the barracks installation and that the area was already being cleared.1

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- From 15 to 20 September, the Reden Tunnel in Ruedersdorf was occupied by 4 officers and about 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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                     The barracks installation east of Ruedersdorf was occupied to capacity by about 3,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, motor transport insignia and tank insignia.                     

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                     The Resch construction firm and the Hermann construction firm in Ruedersdorf had received orders for the construction of additional barracks buildings.1

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- Comment. Previous information indicated that, since May 1953, the barracks installation housed elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div which, however, had only regimental strength. The strength indicated in the present report appears considerably exaggerated unless the troops observed not belong to the division as could be inferred from the insignia on their epaulets. If so, no indication would as yet be possible.

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- Comment. In September, the Reden Tunnel in Ruedersdorf was still occupied by a GOFG ground detail.

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